

**A VACANT HOUSE**  
WILL FIND AN EARLY TENANT  
THROUGH THE HERALD WANT  
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# THE DECATUR HERALD

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**THE WEATHER.**  
Washington, Dec. 29.—Illinois: Fair  
and warmer Friday. Saturday fair,  
fresh south winds.

## USED TONS OF DYNAMITE

**Japs Made Big Breaches in  
Walls of Rihlung  
Fort.**

## TO ADMIT THE INFANTRY

**Attacking Party Lost 1,000  
—In Better Position to  
Take Port Arthur**

Tokio, Dec. 29.—The Japanese in taking the fort on Rihlung Mountain, first destroyed it by an explosion of several tons of dynamite, which opened breaches in the walls. An infantry attack followed.

Two strong forts and Banjisan Mountain, between Rihlung and the railroad, are now the objects of Japanese sapping and mining operations. It is believed their capture is only a matter of a few days.

Like the Kikwan fort already in the hands of the Japanese, Rihlung fort now commands the full sweep of both old and new Port Arthur, the harbor and dock yard and the forts on Golden and Electric Hills.

The Japanese casualties are estimated at 1,000 killed and wounded.

## WILL HASTEN FALL OF CITY.

**Capture of Rihlung Considered of the  
Highest Importance**

London, Dec. 29.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, received a telegram from Tokyo today announcing that the Port Arthur besieging army captured last night Port Rihlung Shan. The capture of the fort is regarded in military circles here as of the highest importance and will materially hasten the fall of the fortress. The Japanese in taking the fort, captured many big guns from the Russians. After placing in position several heavy guns, the Japanese proceeded to the gorge of the fort, whence the enemy eventually dislodged after a fierce engagement. The losses on both sides were very heavy.

## KAZANKOFF RETURNS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Admiral Kazankoff is returning to Russia and will be replaced by Vice Admiral Douboassoff as the Russian commissioner on the international commission at Paris, which is to inquire into the North Sea incident. Douboassoff starts for Paris next week.

## RUSSIAN ATTACK

**Repulsed by the Japanese After Lively  
Skirmish.**

Tokio, Dec. 29.—The Manchurian army headquarters, reporting today, says:

"On the afternoon of the 25th the Russian army which had been ordered to the Shikho river railroad bridge in the neighborhood of the station and Russian guns at Tschun-shan, Ching-shan and Shikho-shan.

"Russian cavalry attacked Helmut at sunset on the same day, but were repulsed by Japanese cavalry. In the evening the Russian cavalry enveloped the Japanese pickets, who were repulsed and finally repulsed the enemy. The Japanese had three men killed."

## JAPANESE LOSSES.

Tokio, Dec. 29.—The army headquarters today published a list of casualties, presumably at Port Arthur, showing forty-nine officers from the rank of colonel downward killed and fifty-eight from colonel downward wounded.

## CAN'T GET THE CRUISERS

**Russia About Ready To Give Up  
Attempts.**

London, Dec. 29.—The Russian government has finally given up the attempt to purchase the Russian cruisers from Chile and the Argentine Republic.

The czar's agents exhausted every means at their command to induce the South American republics to purchase their warships. They offered high prices and suggested numerous schemes for evading the neutrality laws, including a proposition to sell the vessels to private individuals and to independent neutral governments who could transfer them to Russia.

But the South American diplomats could not see their way to what is considered would amount to a flagrant violation of the neutrality laws. Charles R. Flint has been traveling about Europe and elsewhere trying to close some sort of a deal, whereby Russia could increase her naval power, but up to date appears to have accomplished little along that line.

The South American warships are believed to be in the hands of Russia in a position to know that Russia will have to depend upon its Baltic fleet to defeat Japan's naval power in the far east.

## TOOK FORTY-THREE GUNS.

Tokio, Dec. 29.—The Japanese captured forty-three guns when Rihlung fort was taken.

## GIVES DOUBASSOFF PLACE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Vice Admiral Douboassoff was given an audience by the emperor just before his majesty's departure for the south. This is regarded as confirmation of the report that Douboassoff will succeed Kazankoff on the North Sea commission.

## STEAMER LEFT TO ITS FATE

**Captain Nicholson and Crew  
Compelled to Abandon  
the Drumelzier.**

## PROMOTION FOR WELSH

**Former Roadmaster of Wabash Gets  
Good Position in Arkansas.**

New York, Dec. 29.—With her signals of distress and her half-crazed crew still flying the Drumelzier was abandoned tonight as a total wreck by her captain and a dozen officers and crew, who were taken off to the north and landed on Oak Island by crews of the tugs. The steamer was taken off the wrecking life-saving station. Early in the day eighteen of the crew were taken off the steamer. Captain Nicholson and the remainder of the crew decided to remain on board.

At 4:40 this afternoon the captain decided it was unwise to remain longer on the ship, which was being terribly buffeted by the heavy sea, and asked immediate rescue.

Crews of nearby stations responded to his signals and after a hard struggle the ship was taken off and landed on Oak Island.

## MRS. CHADWICK TO GIVE BAIL

**Cleveland Paper Says She Will Be  
Liberated in a Few Days.**

Cleveland, Dec. 29.—The Plain Dealer says:

"It is reliably stated that Mrs. Chadwick will be released on bail within a few days. At least an effort will be made in that direction. Her attorney says that she is in a position to give bail, and that she is in a position to give bail."

## NATURAL GAS KILLS.

**Family of Four at Chanute, Kansas,  
Asphyxiated.**

Chanute, Kan., Dec. 29.—Joseph and his wife, and their two children, aged 2 and 3, and their sister, aged 16, are dead, and their wife and another sister, aged 16, are in a dying condition as a result of natural gas asphyxiation at the Chanute home today. They were found by neighbors about several hours after the tragedy, and their sister had died.

## DEATH IN ICE WATER.

**Steeleville, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Two men  
and two horses were drowned and frozen  
in a deep pond at an old crossing  
last night. Because of a washout on  
the main line, the crossing was changed  
to another place. Albert Lykens and  
Alex Jackson, of Steeleville, and  
not knowing of the change, drove into the  
pond, the men and horses drowning.**

## HITT MAY GO TO ITALY.

**Said to Have Discussed Ambassador-  
ship With President.**

Washington, Dec. 29.—Representative Robert R. Hitt, of Illinois, is under consideration for appointment as ambassador in Italy to succeed George Van Dusen, who is slated to succeed Ambassador Porter at Rome. Mr. Hitt was with the president a long time this morning and it is said on good authority that he discussed the proposed appointment.

The president would prefer to send Mr. Hitt to St. Petersburg in view of the forthcoming resignation of Ambassador McMeade, but the Illinois legislator would not permit him to leave his home state and if Mr. Hitt can be arranged he will probably go the post he desires at Rome.

Mr. Hitt, who began life as a summer clerk, has had long and varied diplomatic experience, having served six years as secretary of legation and charge d'affaires at Paris and as assistant secretary of state. His place as chairman of the house committee on foreign affairs has kept him in touch with foreign matters.

## SIoux CITY INSURANCE

**Companies Must Pay \$1,160,350 On Re-  
cent Fire.**

Sioux City, Dec. 29.—From careful figures compiled by fire insurance agencies it is shown that insurance companies doing business in Sioux City will have to pay out \$1,160,350 for loss in Sioux City's conflagration December 23rd.

## DEATHS OF THE DAY.

**Pittsburg, Dec. 29.—Mrs. J. W. Pat-  
erson, wife of the vice president of the  
Pittsburg terminal of the Wabash rail-  
road, died suddenly last night of heart  
trouble.**

## SIGNERS WITHDREW

**Presentment Against Ballot  
May Fall for Want of  
Support.**

## HUNTINGTON CHURCHMEN

**Say They Were Drawn Into  
Controversy Under a  
Misapprehension.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—Despatches from Huntington, Pa., tonight, state that some of the Huntington signers to the presentment against Bishop Talbot have repudiated the presentment and say it was never their intention to sign a paper of the character that had appeared in the press.

If this be true, the proceedings must be dropped, as a presentment of the character made against the bishop must contain the names of at least three persons from the diocese in which the accused bishop lives. It is said the paper was signed by the Huntington men under misapprehension, they believing they were assisting in closing a long controversy and not one in which their bishop was to be brought to trial.

When J. F. Jenkins was told of the information received from Huntington tonight, he said the names of Huntington men were signed at the end of the original presentment. The fact that the names of the Huntington men were signed at the end of the original presentment, he said, were on the sum of the names of the Huntington men were signed at the end of the original presentment. He added that he has a personal letter from one of the signers in which he says he was pleased to attach his name to the document.

## COERBER WILL QUIT

**Australian Premier to Leave  
Cabinet Because of Ner-  
vous Tension.**

Vienna, Dec. 29.—Though there is no official announcement of the acceptance of Premier Koerber's resignation, it is positively stated he will retire. The only question seems to be whether the entire cabinet will follow his example. If the cabinet resigns, it is believed Emperor Francis Joseph will ask them to remain in office and that he will appoint a new head of the ministry, in which case the cabinet will retain its present character as a ministry of officials but not as a parliamentary ministry. Koerber's retirement is attributed not so much to failure to restore harmony among the various parties in the reichsrath as to the fact he has been unable to obtain parliamentary sanction for Austrian proportion of extraordinary military credits passed by the delegations.

Official authorities have been pressing the question as to whether the presentment against the bishop will be brought by Irvine will be unopposed after the first of the new year. The point raised by Dr. Fulton, editor of the Church Standard, that the board on inquiry will have no power to proceed because the canon under which the board was named will be superseded by a new canon January 1st, was largely overlooked by the board on inquiry and the board on inquiry. It is probable any announcement regarding Koerber's successor will be made until early in January.

## THOS. B. KYLE, DEAD

**Widely Known Citizen of Urbana  
Passed Away Thursday.**

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 29.—Thomas B. Kyle, one of Urbana's oldest residents, who is venerated in religious circles, and who was a member of the committee on canons at the last general convention of the Episcopal church, believes Fulton's point well taken. R. J. Frederick Johnson, one of the presenters in the case, said tonight he believed nothing would be done until the board of inquiry met and that the members would then decide whether they have jurisdiction. If they decided they have not it would then be only a matter of a short time before the proceedings would be instituted under the new canon.

## HE FORGOT NO FRIEND

**Will of Millionaire Dodge  
One of Most Peculiar  
Ever Filed.**

Chicago, Dec. 29.—When the will of the late Edward P. Dodge, the retiring steel manufacturer, was filed for probate today it was found to be one of the most remarkable testaments ever made in this city. Dodge left an estate of \$2,000,000, and outside of the property he had bequeathed to his children, he had bequeathed to his immediate family members of his immediate family made 193 separate gifts, amounting in all to over \$600,000. In his personal bequest Dodge forgot none of the men who had helped him at any time of his life. The bequests of this kind aggregate \$90,000.

## PARROT GAVE HIM AWAY.

**And a Divorce Will Follow the Ex-  
pose.**

Chicago, Dec. 29.—H. Smith, 7, Bingham street, has been divorced from his wife, who has left his home and placed under bonds today to keep the peace, as the result of information given him by his pet parrot.

Smith says the parrot some time ago began to inquire for "Al."

"When I learned my wife had been having visitors at the house about which I knew nothing, I got a divorce," said Smith.

A week ago, he says, the parrot suddenly disappeared. Then he saw his former wife, bird cage in hand, leaving the house with a man.

Smith seized the parrot and ran down the street. The man who was with her, Smith says, ran in the opposite direction.

Smith, furnished by his divorced wife, ran into Central police station and inquired for Al.

Where Al? asked the parrot.

Smith, charging Smith with making threats and disorderly conduct, and he was placed under bonds of \$300 to keep the peace.

## DAY OF THE STRIKE OVER

**Powderly Thinks Employers  
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